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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE year 1874 has been one of continued prosperity to the Foster Home, and the Managers feel thankful to Providence for His blessing upon their labors, which have resulted in so much comfort and happiness to the little ones under their care. The children are at present remarkably well, and there has been but little sickness in the past year, though two deaths occurred during the summer—one a good and studious boy, for seven years an inmate of the Home, and the other a little girl recently admitted. Here the Managers must offer their thanks to Drs. Ashhurst, Paul, Bell, and Butcher, who have unremittingly and gratuitously watched over the health of the Institution.

There are now 94 children in the Home, 41 having been admitted and 26 taken away during the past year; 1 child entered the Educational Home. No child under three years of age, and no boy over six is received into the Foster Home. A small sum towards the board of the children is required from the parents or guardians who are able to pay it, while many of the inmates of the Home are paid for by ladies interested in them, or are charity children. All, except the very little ones, are taught in the school-rooms, and the girls learn to sew and do housework. Both boys and girls are taught to knit. Most of the officers have held their positions for many years, and all faithfully perform their work to the satisfaction of the managers and the advantage of the children. The kindness of the gentlemen who instruct the children on Sunday is thankfully appreciated. Also, that of Mr. Graham, pastor of Olivet Church, who has given them excellent seats in his church.

The treasury of the Home has been several times replenished by donations from generous well-wishers, and the Board of Managers particularly and gratefully acknowledge the liberal bequest of \$10,000 from the estate of Dr. Mifflin Wistar. The Foster Home, as a place where little children were kindly sheltered and cared for, was an institution in which he always felt a special interest.

The Managers must express their sorrow for the death of Mr. Lewis R. Ashhurst, one of the earliest members of their Board of Counsel, who continued until the end of his life cheerfully to give them the benefit of his clear and sound judgment.

The ladies again thank Mr. Rose, the baker, and Mr. Kester, the milkman of the Institution, for their kind remembrance of the children on various occasions.

A short account of the foundation of the Foster Home, taken from

a sketch by one of the original Managers, may be interesting to the public. The Home has been in existence since the year 1837, the idea of such an institution having been suggested to a charitable lady of our city in the following manner: In the winter of 1838 a poor man from Pittsburgh, bringing with him motherless twins only a few weeks old, came to Philadelphia in search of work, and wishing to support his children, endeavored to find a place to put them out to board. The lady above referred to, in her visits among the poor, met with this case, was interested in it, and perceived the difficulty in obtaining a place where the children would be properly cared for. This great want suggested to her mind an institution where a father or mother left with children could put them into a place of safety, and be at liberty to work, and by partly paying for their support, feel that the little ones were not entirely dependent upon charity. She resolved to undertake the founding of such an institution, and invited others to join her and become Managers. Having divided the city into districts, each Manager selected one for the purpose of collecting. A kind response was given, and very little difficulty was experienced in raising the \$2000 necessary for its support yearly. The plan seemed to appeal directly to the hearts of the people, and some who were far from rich subscribed liberally. A house was rented in Third Street near South, and the Home was opened in the fall of 1837 with a few inmates. In 1838 the number of children had increased, and it was found necessary to employ a teacher. In 1839 the Third Street house was given up for the one in Chestnut Street, below what is now Nineteenth Street; later the Home was moved to Preston Retreat, and finally to its present location at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Poplar Streets. The good work which had its origin in so small a beginning has steadily progressed during all these years, and all who feel any interest in it are invited to call and judge of its usefulness for themselves. The Institution is open to visitors every day except Sunday.

After our report was written and ready for the press—just as the year 1875 was ushered in—there came to us the startling intelligence that death had very suddenly terminated the useful life of one of our most beloved and valued Managers, Mrs. Louis A. Godey. We cannot allude to her death without expressing the deepest sorrow for the irreparable loss our Institution has sustained by her removal. Hers was a spirit cast in no ordinary mould—uniting great activity of body with a noble and generous soul; her hands were ever ready for any work, and if means were needed for that work, she was always prompt to bestow them. Nothing of a trifling nature ever kept her from the Home. She never neglected a duty. Her life was a bright example to those of us who are left; and her untiring zeal and interest in this Institution can never be forgotten by those with whom she was associated. The Managers can only say, “It is the Lord—He hath done what seemeth him good.” She rests from her labors, and her works do follow her.

Dr.

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Millin Wistar, \$10,000 00)		Dry Goods		955 92
Interest		Boots and Shoes		617 77
		Carpenter, Plumbing, and Hardware		708 72
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		Druggists		82 48
		Printing Report		48 74
		Coal and Wood		662 00
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Rev. Richard Newton . . .	2 00	Miss Sagers . . .	5 00
Mrs. Richard Newton . . .	2 00	Mrs. W. L. Savage . . .	10 00
Miss Emily Norris . . .	5 00	" Joseph Scattergood . . .	2 50
" Hannah F. Norris . . .	5 00	Miss Mary Schott . . .	1 00
Mrs. Edward Olmstead . . .	2 00	Mrs. Wm. Schott . . .	2 00
" Joseph F. Page . . .	5 00	Mr. David Scull, Jr. . .	2 00
Miss Kate Patton . . .	2 00	" Edward L. Scull . . .	2 00
" Caroline Paul . . .	2 00	Mrs. Hannah W. Scull . . .	3 00
Mrs. James Paul . . .	2 00	" Louisa Seeger . . .	5 00
" William W. Paul . . .	5 00	Baby Louise G. Seeger . . .	5 00
" Robert Pearsall . . .	2 00	Mr. Roland Seeger . . .	5 00
" J. C. Pechin . . .	2 00	Mrs. Roland Seeger . . .	5 00
" C. Pennock . . .	5 00	" Charles L. Sharpless . . .	5 00
" John R. Penrose . . .	1 00	Miss Sharpless . . .	1 50
Miss Mary Penrose . . .	2 00	Dr. J. T. Sharpless . . .	5 00
Mrs. William Pepper . . .	2 00	Miss Lidia A. Sharpless . . .	3 00
" Abraham R. Perkins . . .	2 00	Mrs. Samuel J. Sharpless . . .	3 00
" Henry Perkins . . .	3 00	" Townsend Sharpless . . .	2 00

Mr. James T. Shinn . . .	\$3 00	Mrs. G. M. Troutman . . .	\$5 00
Mrs. James T. Shinn . . .	2 00	Miss Lizzie Troutman . . .	2 00
" Shober . . .	2 00	Mr. Joseph Turnpenny . . .	5 00
" E. M. Showell . . .	5 00	Mrs. Hector Tyndale . . .	2 00
Mr. E. A. Sibley . . .	5 00	" Louis D. Vail . . .	2 00
Mrs. E. A. Sibley . . .	5 00	" Van Pelt . . .	2 00
" Samuel Simes . . .	2 00	" S. M. Vaux . . .	2 00
" E. S. Simmons . . .	5 00	" W. S. Vaux . . .	5 00
" Beaton Smith . . .	2 00	Mr. George Von Neida . . .	2 00
Mr. Jacob L. Smith . . .	2 00	Mrs. T. Wagner . . .	5 00
Mrs. Jacob L. Smith . . .	2 00	Miss Annie Waln . . .	2 00
" P. Jenks Smith . . .	2 00	" Ellen Waln . . .	5 00
" Joseph P. Smith . . .	5 00	" Phebe L. Waln . . .	5 00
" Mary Smith . . .	2 00	Mrs. G. H. Walsh . . .	2 00
" D. C. Wharton Smith . . .	2 00	" S. K. Warrington . . .	2 00
" F. Ratchford Starr, 1873		" K. B. Wells . . .	5 00
and 1874 . . .	10 00	" G. F. Welsh . . .	2 00
Mr. F. Ratchford Starr, 1873		Miss Marianna West . . .	1 00
and 1874 . . .	10 00	" Rebecca T. West . . .	1 00
Miss Marie Starr . . .	2 00	Mrs. J. D. Wetham . . .	5 00
Mrs. Steele . . .	2 00	" Charles Wetherill . . .	2 00
" W. A. Stephens . . .	2 00	" Christopher Wetherill . . .	5 00
" Hannah W. Sterling . . .	2 00	" Geo. D. Wetherill . . .	3 00
Miss Annie Stewardson . . .	2 00	Miss Elizabeth R. Wetherill . . .	2 00
Mrs. Curwen Stoddard . . .	1 00	" Hannah Wharton . . .	5 00
" H. D. Steever . . .	5 00	Mrs. Charles Wharton . . .	2 00
Mr. Francis Stokes . . .	1 00	" Joseph Wharton . . .	2 00
" John H. Stokes . . .	2 00	Mr. Charles Wheeler . . .	5 00
Miss Mary Stokes . . .	2 00	Mrs. Charles Wheeler . . .	5 00
" Mary K. Stokes . . .	3 00	" J. M. Whitall . . .	2 00
Mrs. Samuel E. Stokes . . .	5 00	Mr. C. Brooke White . . .	20 00
" Thomas Stotesbury . . .	2 00	" J. R. Whitney . . .	5 00
" E. H. L. Stout . . .	2 50	Mrs. John Wiegand . . .	2 00
" Charles C. Stratton . . .	10 00	" Wm. T. Wilcox . . .	2 00
" George Stroud . . .	2 00	Miss Isabella Williams . . .	2 00
" M. Stroud . . .	2 00	" Mary Williams . . .	5 00
Miss Mary E. Stroud . . .	2 00	Mr. Stephen Williams . . .	5 00
Mrs. Geo. H. Stuart . . .	5 00	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Wilson . . .	5 00
" John B. Swett . . .	2 00	Miss Emma Wistar . . .	2 00
Miss Elizabeth S. Swift . . .	1 00	Mrs. E. W. Wistar . . .	2 00
Mr. John Tatum . . .	2 00	" Isaac J. Wistar . . .	2 00
Mrs. Henry B. Tatham . . .	2 00	Miss Lydia J. Wistar . . .	5 00
" Charles Taylor . . .	5 00	Mrs. Lydia J. Wistar . . .	3 00
" Jane Thomas . . .	3 00	Mr. Wm. L. Wistar . . .	2 50
" Elizabeth H. Thompson . . .	2 50	" Mifflin Wistar . . .	5 00
Miss Elizabeth Tilghman . . .	2 00	Mrs. Mifflin Wistar . . .	5 00
Mrs. Richard A. Tilghman . . .	5 00	Mr. Richard Wistar . . .	2 50
" B. Tingley, Jr. . . .	2 00	Miss W. Woelper . . .	2 00
Miss Mary H. Tobey . . .	5 00	Mrs. Allan Wood . . .	5 00
Mrs. Samuel Tobey . . .	5 00	" R. D. Wood . . .	5 00
Mrs. George W. Toland . . .	2 00	Dr. George B. Wood . . .	10 00
Miss Margaretta Toland . . .	2 00	Mr. H. C. Wood . . .	5 00
Mr. Edward Townsend . . .	2 00	Dr. Joshua H. Worthington . . .	5 00
Mrs. H. M. Townsend . . .	3 00	Mr. Thomas Wriggins . . .	5 00
Mr. J. B. Townsend . . .	2 50	Mrs. S. C. Wright . . .	2 00
Mrs. J. B. Townsend . . .	2 50	" Charles Wurtz . . .	5 00
" Benj. Trediek . . .	5 00	Dr. Charles S. Wurtz . . .	5 00
Mr. Chas. W. Trotter . . .	5 00	Miss A. E. Yarnall . . .	5 00
Mr. Wm. H. Trotter . . .	2 50	Mrs. Charles Yarnall . . .	5 00

NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1874.

Mrs. T. M. Stewart . . .	\$2 00	Master Alex. Brown . . .	\$5 00
Mr. Murray Rush . . .	2 00	Mr. Edgar Cope . . .	5 00
Mrs. William Jenks . . .	5 00	Miss S. F. Daniell . . .	5 00
Master H. B. Coxé . . .	5 00	Mr. T. D. B. Dixey . . .	2 00
“ Alex. B. Coxé . . .	5 00		

DONATIONS FOR 1874.

Mrs. Lucy H. Shober . . .	\$100 00	From Trustees of estate of	
“ “ “ “ for		the late Mr. Joseph Plieh	\$100 00
board of child . . .	50 00	Through Mr. L. A. Godey .	50 00
Miss Serena Potts . . .	11 00	Mr. T. K. Collins . . .	5 00
Mr. Henry Morris . . .	5 00	“S,” through Mrs. Israel	
“ R. S. Sturgis, agent for		Morris . . .	10 00
a charity fund . . .	400 00	Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Morris	50 00
Mrs. R. S. Sturgis for board		Mr. Israel Morris . . .	100 00
of child . . .	26 00	“ R. S. Sturgis . . .	100 00
Mrs. Tobias Wagner . . .	50 00	“ Samuel W. Roop . . .	25 00
Miss Elizabeth Rhoads . . .	25 00	“G.,” from estate of “Jesse	
“ Julia Wood . . .	5 00	George” . . .	1500 00
“ Margaret Massey . . .	2 00	Mrs. Boyce for board of child	26 00
Mrs. John Ashhurst . . .	25 00	From “Fat Men’s Club” .	50 00
Mr. L. R. Ashhurst . . .	25 00	Mrs. A. M. Jones for board	
Mrs. Alex. Brown . . .	500 00	of child . . .	26 00
Miss Bessie Garrigues . . .	5 00	Mr. A. M. Jones . . .	25 00
Mrs. John Lardner . . .	20 00	Mrs. George W. Toland . . .	50 00
“ James Bayard . . .	25 00	Miss S. K. Davidson . . .	50 00
Mr. James Bayard . . .	25 00	Mrs. Bowie . . .	100 00
Mrs. Wm. S. Vaux . . .	10 00	“ “ for board of	
Mr. George W. Childs, through		child . . .	30 00
Mrs. L. A. Godey . . .	50 00	Mrs. Simmons for board of	
Mr. L. A. Godey . . .	200 00	child . . .	26 00
“ L. C. Norris . . .	25 00	Miss Sallie Cadwalader for	
Mrs. L. C. Norris for board		board of child . . .	22 00
of child . . .	50 00	Mr. Alex. Brown for rent of	
Miss Isabella Williams . . .	3 00	safe . . .	15 00
Mrs. Hannah W. Sterling . . .	3 00	Miss M. L. Davidson for	
Mr. Edwin R. Cope, through		board of child . . .	26 00
Mrs. L. A. Godey . . .	50 00	Miss Harriet Benson . . .	100 00
Miss McIlvaine . . .	25 00	“ “ “ for board	
Mr. Eli K. Price for board		of child . . .	50 00
of child . . .	26 00	Mrs. W. H. Morris . . .	5 00

DONATIONS OF ARTICLES FOR 1874.

Two barrels of potatoes, one slate and books, from Mrs. Godey.
Fancy articles for glass case, from Miss Bradly, through Mrs. Shober.
Three cloth capes, from Mrs. Alex. Brown.
Two dozen made garments, from Mrs. Louis C. Norris.
Forty-four yards muslin, from Miss S. P. Morris.
One Public Ledger Almanac, from Mr. G. W. Childs.
A scrap book, from Master Joe Tunis.
A baby house, from Miss A. M. B. Stewart.
A set of cups and saucers, from Miss A. M. B. Stewart.
One book, from Mrs. Israel Morris.
A suit of cloth clothes, from Mrs. Sturgis.
Ice cream, from the Hope Mission.
One table cover, from Mrs. Norris.
Drawers and other clothing, from Mrs. Sturgis.
Clothing, from Miss S. K. Davidson.
Twenty-four garments, from Miss Longstreth.
Twelve quarts of milk, from Mr. Kester.
Glass pen and indelible ink, from Mrs. Godey.
Flowers, from St. Jude's Church.
" from the Flower Mission, through Miss Susan Longstreth.
Thirteen pairs of knitted woollen stockings, from Mrs. Grigg.
Flowers, from Miss Alice Brown.
Cakes and ice cream for 4th of July, from Mr. Stewart Brown and Mr. Harry Godey.
Five pounds of cakes for children, and one pound for the officers, from Mr. Waters.
Five dollars for fruit, from Mrs. Israel Morris.
Music books, from Mr. Grice.
One basket cantaloupes, two baskets of apples, one basket of pears, one basket of tomatoes, and twelve watermelons, from Mr. L. A. Godey.
Three baskets of peaches, from Miss S. K. Davidson.
Fruit (\$5 00), from Mr. Godey.
" " " Mrs. Trotter.
" " " Mrs. Godey.
Pies (\$4 00), from Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Jones.
One box of pears, from Mrs. Simmons.
Pies (\$4 50), from Mrs. Godey.
Five pies, from Mr. Rose.
Two baskets of sandwiches, from "the Old Peoples" Excursion.
One basket of peaches, from Messrs. Shelby & Nice.
Collars, from Miss S. K. Davidson.
Thirty-three garments, from Miss Longstreth.
Twelve pairs knitted stockings, from Miss M. Morris.
Bricklaying and carpenter work (\$101 38); five door mats, oilcloth for vestibule, thirty bushels of potatoes, from Mrs. Godey.
Eleven suits of cloth clothes, from Mrs. H. B. Coxé.
For Thanksgiving dinner \$15, from Mr. L. A. Godey.
For same \$5, from Mrs. Trotter.
One barrel of apples, from Mrs. Seeger.
One barrel of oranges, from Mr. Alex Brown.
One turkey, from Mr. Simpson.

Ten pounds of candy, from Bessie, Laura, and Aubrey.
 Illuminated cards, from Rev. M. Heilner.
 Two dozen knives and forks, one dozen table spoons, one dozen tea-spoons, from Isaac Williams & Co., through Mrs. S. Bispham.
 Three dresses, twenty-four under-garments, and forty-eight pairs of knitted woollen stockings, from Mrs. Pennoek.
 One barrel of apples from Mrs. Israel Morris.
 One blanket shawl and book, from Mrs. A. M. Jones.
 Clocks repaired during the year by Mr. Childs.

FOR CHRISTMAS, 1874.

One Turkey and slate pencils, from Mr. Godey.
 Toys and games, from Little Louise Seeger.
 " " " and books, from Howard Godey.
 One barrel of apples, from Mrs. Bowie.
 Books and toys, from Mrs. A. M. Jones.
 One barrel apples, from Mrs. Edgar Cope.
 " " " and picture book, from Mrs. S. Bispham.
 One cake and picture books, from Miss S. K. Davidson.
 Toys, from Mrs. A. L. Lowry.
 Toys and Games, from Mrs. Alex. Brown.
 Toys and picture books, from Mrs. L. C. Norris.
 Toys, books, and turkey, from Mrs. Sturgis.
 One patchwork quilt, scrap and picture books, from Miss Bradlee.
 Toys, games, and confectionery, from Mrs. Shober.
 A picture and books, from Miss Hoekley.
 Sugar toys, a cake, and china tea set, from Miss Hoekley.
 One barrel apples, from Mr. Simpson.
 One cake, from Mrs. Toland.
 Toys, from Miss Alice Brown.
 Books, from Mrs. Israel Morris.
 Toys for Christmas tree, from Mrs. Wilcox.
 Nine dressed dolls, from Margaret Somerville.
 One dress, from Mrs. Sturgis.
 Handkerchiefs, gloves, a scarf, and candies, from Mrs. Wagner.
 Oranges and confectionery, from the Rev. L. Y. Graham.
 Illustrated papers, from a friend.
 One Christmas tree and trimmings, from Mrs. Simmons.
 One hundred and twenty handkerchiefs, from Miss Susan Longstreth.
 One cake, from Miss S. K. Neill.
 The making of four hundred garments, from Mrs. Shober.
 A gross of lead pencils, from L. A. Godey.

Form of Bequest of Personal Estate.

I give and bequeath to "THE FOSTER HOME ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA," and their successors, the sum of
dollars, towards promoting the objects of
said Society.

Form of Bequest of Real Estate.

I give and devise to "THE FOSTER HOME ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA," and their successors, all that [here describe the property], together with the appurtenances, to hold to the said Foster Home Association of Philadelphia, and their successors, forever; for them to dispose of and convey in any manner which will promote the objects of said Society.